

Dear advocates, community members, researcher and partners,

The new Health Equity Research and Education (HERE) Center at CSU Northridge aspires to build rich and meaningful relationships with community partners who work for health equity. Everyone deserves a healthy place to live, and access to an effective healthcare. *Everyone.*

Access to healthy food and air, good healthcare and community support systems require all of us to work together. We strive to build informed coalitions to address the challenges our community faces, with clear evidence to support policy-makers and advocates to continue narrowing gaps and increasing health equity.

The HERE Center has many opportunities for all to become connected in this endeavor, and everyone – community partners, students, and faculty, are welcome to join us.

There are too many unheard voices in our community! As a new center, we invite you to share your experience with any aspect of the healthcare system. We want your voice to be heard!

The HERE Center seeks to facilitate the empowerment of communities, students, and faculty, to employ our talents and strength to make our valley a healthier place to live.

We are stronger together. We are stronger when we are able to understand the root causes of disparities and work together to increase and strengthen health justice and equity.

*With you, we are becoming:*

A community coalition who works together to take on, a step at a time, community health and healthcare problems that generate health disparities. We strive for excellence in research rigor and research ethics, we collect evidence for policy change, and we follow through with policy implementation watches and support for social change on the ground.

*Thanks for joining us!*

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